# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
# LOK SABHA

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TREATMENT OF THE POOR
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**Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:**

(a) the details of the schemes being implemented by the Government for the treatment of the poor people in the country;

(b) the funds allocated and spent therefrom under these schemes during the last three years and the current year;

(c) whether the Government is satisfied with the performance of these schemes; and

(d) if not, the corrective steps taken by the Government in this regard?

## Answer

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE(DR. ANBUMANI RAMADOSS)

(a)to(d): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 143 FOR 29TH OCTOBER,2008

The Government of India is committed to ensuring access to quality health care on affordable basis to all citizens of the country.Towards this goal,the Government has operationalised National Rural Health Mission (NRHM) since April,2005.The NRHM seeks to undertake wide ranging reforms in public health system to ensure access to quality health services by poor and needy patients.The NRHM envisages establishment of a fully functional decentralized health delivery system with sharp focus on intra and inter-sector convergence for optimal utilization of resources.

NRHM seeks to ameliorate the difficulty faced by needy patients in getting medical facilities and provides accessible,affordable,accountable,effective and reliable primary health care facilities, especially to the poor and vulnerable sections of the population.

NRHM provides overarching umbrella to existing National programmes of Health and Family Welfare including RCH-II,National Disease Control Programmes and Integrated disease Surveillance.Further, it addresses the issue of health in a sector-wide manner addressing sanitation and hygiene, nutrition and safe drinking water as basic determinants of good health.The fund allocation and released under NRHM during the last three years and current year are as follows:-

| Year | Allocation (In Crore) | Releases (In Crore) |
|---|---|---|
| 2005-06 | 6731.16 | 5862.39 |
| 2006-07 | 9065.00 | 7361.08 |
| 2007-08 | 11010.00 | 10189.03 |
| 2008-09 | 12050.00 | 5905.53 |

The Government also provides direct financial assistance to patients who are living below poverty line and are suffering from major life threatening diseases.Under the Rastriya Arogya Nidhi,this assistance helps the patients receive medical treatment at any of the super

specialty hospitals/institutions or other government hospitals.